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Microsoft has been found to have broken the law.

If I broke that many laws, I'd be penalized for it, not politely requested to stop breaking laws.

What amazes me is how flagrantly Microsoft is still abusing their monopoly status. The latest appears to be a change to their file system to prevent open source software from interfacing with Microsoft networks. No surprise if all the punishment is an advisory board.

I strongly recommend that you attempt to provide some restitution to the companies damaged by Microsoft's illegal activities, and try to even out the playing field. I like the idea of making Windows APIs open...of requiring versions of Office - FULL versions, including Access and VisualBasic - for other leading platforms, and of having a REAL oversight panel with actual power.

We've already learned that agreements with Microsoft are meaningless. Once fooled, your fault; twice fooled, my fault. We've already been fooled once.